

MISS PEABODY HAS BALL GIVEN FOR HER

Dinners Precede Affair in Honor
of Debutante—Miss Sterry
Introduced.

MRS. WARD'S RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peabody gave a ball last night at Sherry's for their debutante daughter, Miss Peabody, who was introduced to society at a large reception at the home of her parents, 30 East Fifty-fourth street, early in December. Miss Peabody is a granddaughter of the late George Griswold Haven and with her parents she has been identified with the summer colony at Southampton, L. I.

Mrs. Peabody, wearing a gown of champagne colored satin and net spangled with gold, and Miss Peabody, in white satin brocade with silver received their guests at the entrance of the large ballroom where the decorations were of the Christmas kind. Music was provided by two orchestras, conducted by Frantzen and Conrad.

A seated supper was served at midnight in the small ballroom, after which dancing was resumed. The guests were mainly the young friends of Miss Peabody, and there were some married ones among them. They included Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Borland, Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Williams, Jr., and Mrs. Stuart Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney S. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. George Peabody, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peabody, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nelson Hinckley, Miss Gerry, Miss Mabel Gerry, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund S. Twining, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Whitman and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Slater, Jr.

Others present were the Misses Adrienne Iselin, Mary Crocker Alexander, Louise Butler, Marion Cleveland, Josephine de Gersdorff, Margaret and Louise Dixon, Alice Haven, Louise Herrick, Gretchen Tammoch, Miriam Harriman, Evelyn Marshall, Marie G. Johnson, Lillian Talma, Le Brun Parsons, Lillian Palmer, Elise Park, Janet Robb, Isabelle Cunningham, Alexandra Emery, Sylvia Hyde, Mary Jay Schofield, Margaret La Farge, Sylvia Holt, Anna Ballard, Justine Van Rensselaer Townsend, Louise Russell Hoadley, Elsie Stevens, Gwendolyn Condon, Elizabeth Clarkson, Mercer French, Elise Rios, Julia Grant, Edith McKee, Alice Richard, Harriet McKee, Harriet McCook, Irene Gibson, Margaret and Louise Trevor, Lisa Stillman, Katherine Oakman, Eleanor Lawrence, Emily and Rosalie Cox, Constance Peabody, Frances Breeze, Vera Cravath, Anna Alexandre, Margaret Erhart, Helen Flack, Katherine Lamont and Rosalie Flood.

Among the young men were Thomas Barker, James L. Brees, Jr., Robert D. Brees, Bryce Wing, Thomas L. Johnson, Jr., Havemeyer Butt, Charles de Rham, J. Gordon Hamersley, Roland Harriman, Philip and Lester Armour, Seymour Johnson, Frederick J. Judd, Richard J. McCook, Averill Clark, James S. Larkin, Edward Le Roy, Jr., T. Galliard Hoffman, George G. Haven, Jr., Stanhope Nixon, Schuyler L. Parsons, Jr., Francis and Maurice Roche, Frederick Stillman, George S. Trevor, William Travers Jerome, John M. Franklin, F. Burrall Hoffman, Jr., Murray Hoffman, Charles H. Marshall, Marshall Field, Carley Harriman, George Dixon, John H. Eden, Jr., S. J. Jones, Charles L. Lander, Jr., Reginald Lander, Henry A. Murray, Jr., Edmund O'Brien, Morgan J. G. O'Brien, L. Stuart Wing, Jr., Herbert Pulitzer, Edward B. Condon, Shippin Davis, G. Macculloch Miller, Jr., Lawrence McKee Miller and R. McCoskey Butt.

Dinners preceding the dance were given by Mrs. Charles H. Keep for her daughter, Miss Eleanor Keep; Mrs. Charles Merz for her daughter, Miss Mary Merz; Mrs. William Love Rice for Miss Elsie Rice, and Mrs. Henry F. Godfrey for her daughter, Miss Marion Tiffany.

Mrs. E. Mortimer Ward gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 129 East Seventy-third street, to introduce Miss Eunice Clapp, her daughter by a former marriage. Receiving with her daughter were the Misses Phyllis Brown, Margaret Warren, Vera Cravath, Marietta Chapin, Emmeline Sizer, Dorothy Battle, Anna Ballard, Olivia S. Erdmann, Lucy Lord, Elizabeth Kirlin and Joseph Sears.

After the reception there was a dinner at the Plaza for the receiving party and several young men, among whom were Herbert Lord, Jr., Vivian Palmeri, Paul Thayer Jacobi, Herman Murray, John C. Brown, Jr., Edward J. Brown, Jr., Herbert M. Clapp, Bradish J. Carroll, Jr., Hyland Sizer, Frederic R. Couderc, Jr., Lawrence Phillips, Arthur R. Whitney, Jr. and Andrew P. Alvord. Mrs. Ward and her guests were entertained at her home, where they were joined by about 200 young people for a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Sterry gave a reception at the Plaza yesterday afternoon to introduce their daughter, Miss Prudence Cleveland Sterry. In the receiving party were the Misses Caryll Hackett, Mildred Dennis, Josephine B. Wells, Elsie Rice, Margaret Erhart, Marietta Chapin, Rita Baker, Eugenia Fuller, Marie R. Thayer, Margaret Dixon and Jane Akers.

The reception there was a dinner for the receiving party and some young men, including Frederick Dennis, Kenneth Hadden, Maynard Ivason, Lester Armour, Rensselaer Halsey, John M. Franklin, Duane Livingston, John H. Eden, Jr., Carl P. Baker, Jr., Hermann Holt, W. Gill Wylie, Jr., and George W. H. Smith. After the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Sterry took their guests to the Globe Theatre to see "Chin Chin."

The first for this season of the Friday dance, organized by Miss George Harrison Owen, was held last night in the ballroom of the Plaza, which was decorated in Christmas colors. These dances are for girls not yet out in society and young men at home from school and college for the holidays.

Some of the young women members are Misses Grace Bristol, Frederika Hall, Katherine Kimball, Marietta Keep, Amy Rose, Elise Thorne, Esther Tiers, Lily Russell, Evelyn Hodgson, Margaret Dixon, Mary Barclay, Margaret Coffey, Lucie Baldwin, Sylvia Brown, Katherine Black, Helen Alexander, Lorraine Allen and Geraldine Adee.

Among the young men are David Houghton, Jr., Bryan Corrig, Colin Houghton, Jr., Reginald Lewis, Bertram La Montagne, William Floyd Jones, Robert Langdon Brown, Lester Armour, Robert Langdon Brown, Jr., W. Tod Helms, Jr., Edwin Gould, Jr., George Watts, Munford, Alexander C. Neave 2d, Howard H. Bell, Jr., Benson Rose, Reynald Leonard, Donaldson Tucker and Atwood Vane.

Among the patronesses of these dances are Mrs. Henry M. Alexander, Mrs. Robert Appleton, Mrs. Charles S. Bates, Mrs. M. Jackson Camp, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. Woodford, Mrs. O. W. O'Brien, Mrs. H. A. Valentine. The next dance will take place on the night of January 1.



Christmas cheer.

APPLETON-REATH ENGAGEMENT.

Yale Graduate of New York Will
Take Philadelphia Bride.

Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth R. Reath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Reath, to John Adams Appleton of this city. Miss Reath lives with her parents at 1538 Pine street, Philadelphia, where she was introduced to society on November 18.

Mr. Appleton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Appleton of 571 Park avenue. He was graduated from Yale last June, and he was struck out of the victorious Yale crew which defeated Harvard at the varsity races in New London last June. Mr. Appleton is a nephew of Col. Daniel Appleton of the Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and his father is a member of the publishing firm of D. Appleton & Co. No date has been set for the wedding.

PAYS \$1,265 FOR EASTERN RUG.

Sale at Silo's Galleries Has Already
Realized \$39,010.

The sale of Eastern rug going on in Silo's Fifth avenue art galleries attracted many bidders yesterday afternoon. The highest figure reached was \$1,265, paid by E. C. Schaffer for an Imperial Kermanshah carpet. W. E. Burnham, agent, gave \$1,075 for a Keshon-Sarook rug and Mrs. A. H. Frisch bought a Keshon carpet for \$445. Other buyers were Mrs. R. S. Fowler, R. W. Williamson, S. E. Gage and Joseph Eckstein. The total for the afternoon was \$17,530, making the grand total to date \$39,010.

A royal Keshon silk carpet with leopard character in color and device, which required years of labor on the part of its weavers, will be the feature of today's sale.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

The wedding of Miss Alice Haven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Griswold Haven, to George Schieffelin Trevor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Trevor, will take place in Ridgefield, Conn., in June. The engagement was announced last summer.

Mrs. James B. Claws gave a luncheon yesterday for Miss Noval Gilbert Trevor, who is taking her guests to the Globe Theatre to see "Chin Chin." Mrs. Charles S. Whitman accompanied Mrs. Claws.

The wedding of Miss Anna Cuyler Tiffany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burr Tiffany, to Arthur Morgan Dodd of Chicago will be celebrated on December 29 at the home of her parents, 234 Palladium avenue, Yonkers.

Mrs. George Gordon King gave a dinner last night at her home, 16 East Eighty-fourth street, for her debutante daughter, Miss Violet Gordon King.

Mrs. Edwin Gould gave a theatre party last night at the New Amsterdam Theatre, followed by a supper at her home, 336 Fifth avenue.

The first for the season of the holiday dances organized by Miss Annabelle S. Olyphant will take place tonight at Sherry's.

Mrs. John Munroe will give a small dance tonight at Sherry's.

The weekly dance organized by Mrs. Lindsey Tappin and Mrs. G. Knight B. Wade was held in the ballroom of the Biltmore last night. Among the subscribers present were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lamont, Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe, Dr. and Mrs. D. Hunter McAlpin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Brookman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rathbone, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian H. Larkin and Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hurd.

GABY DESLYS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Must Undergo Operation on Her
Throat Immediately.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

WILSON HAS PARIS DOLL FOR WHITE HOUSE TREE

President Aids in Decorating 20
Foot Pine, Put Up for
Grandniece.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A Christmas tree will be in the White House on Friday for the first time since Archie Roosevelt had his own tree in the attic of the historic mansion. A twenty-foot Norwegian pine was set up to-day in the library on the second floor, and decorations were put on it by every member of the household from President Wilson to the ushers who guard the lower corridor.

All this is being done for little Miss Anne Cotman, the grandniece of the President and granddaughter of his sister, Mrs. Howell. Little Anne was the life of the household during the inauguration festivities. She arrived at the White House to-day with her mother to pass the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, the latter formerly Miss Jessie Wilson, also arrived there this evening to remain an indefinite time. The decision to have a tree was made late this afternoon and a great many decorations and toys. The President himself, it is said, purchased a wonderful doll, one of the last to come from Paris.

The tree will be lighted and the gifts distributed on Christmas morning among the family party which will assemble there, including the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. Sayre, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mrs. Cotman, Miss Anne Cotman, Mrs. Howe, Miss Helen Bonine and Mrs. Albert Mills. The other guests were Gen. and Mrs. Mills, Miss McCumber, Capt. Taibot and Dr. Daniel L. Borden.

Capt. and Mrs. John Gibbons, who are passing the winter with Mrs. Gibbons's mother, Mrs. Richard Ely, entertained at luncheon to-day at the Willard in honor of Rear Admiral Fletcher.

Col. Edwin A. Root, ex-military attaché of the United States Legation at Tientsin, China, has arrived in Washington and joined Mrs. Root.

NEWPORT WEDDING TO-DAY.

Miss Annie H. Powell Will Become
Bride of Ensign W. A. Edwards.

Newport, Dec. 23.—Miss Annie H. Powell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton H. Powell, and Ensign Walter Alice Edwards, U. S. N., will be married at noon to-morrow by the Rev. William B. Moenan of St. Mary's Church before a few relatives and friends of the couple in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell. A reception will follow.

The only attendants will be Miss Marie Louise Edwards of Philadelphia as flower girl and Baldwin Edwards as best man.

Daughter Born to the John H. Pops.
Mr. and Mrs. John Russell Pops are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Monday night at their home, 20 East Sixty-first street. Mrs. Pops was Miss Sadie Jones, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones of this city and Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their son, Pembroke Jones, Jr., have gone to Wilmington, N. C., to spend Christmas.

Miss Elvina Richard Recovering.
Miss Elvina Richard, daughter of Mrs. A. Moore Richard of 123 East Fifty-third street, who has been ill of typhoid fever in Flower Hospital, is on the road to recovery.

Engagement Announced.
The engagement of Miss Gertrude Halsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Halsey of 293 Jefferson avenue, Brooklyn, to London Swinton of 389 Adelphi street, a son of the late William Swinton and a grandson of William Swinton, the historian, has been announced.

ALFRED HENRY LEWIS, THE WRITER, IS DEAD

First Known Through His Short
Stories of Life in the
West.

Alfred Henry Lewis, who first became known as a writer through his stories of Western life and later was a contributor to magazines and newspapers, died yesterday morning at his home, 457 West 148th street. He had been in poor health for some time and had been confined to his bed for several weeks.

He was 56 years old. One of his brothers, William E. Lewis, is editor of the New York Morning Telegraph. Besides his wife he leaves another brother, Irving J. Lewis.

The versatility of Alfred Henry Lewis as novelist, short story writer and frequent contributor to a variety of subjects to the magazines and daily press was known to thousands of readers. Many, however, even among Broadwayites who knew him—and almost everybody who reads the Morning Telegraph—did not know that his acknowledged talents showed themselves so early that before he was 23 years old he was prosecuting attorney for the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

Alfred Henry Lewis was the oldest of three sons, all of whom took to writing early, and he was born at Cleveland in January, 1858, a son of J. J. and Harriet M. (Tracy) Lewis. After an academy and high school training he studied law and worked ahead in his profession with the early success told above.

With his brother, William, Eugene Lewis, now editor of the Morning Telegraph, and president of the company owning that newspaper, as a partner he practiced law in Cleveland for a time, or until he gave up the law and started in on a literary career.

He went to Washington as political correspondent, first for a Kansas City paper and later as Washington correspondent for the Chicago Times. "Dan Quinn" was his newspaper pen name in those days. Mr. Lewis's work in Washington became widely known, and he finally was placed in charge of the Washington bureau of the New York Journal.

He came back here in 1888 and founded a weekly publication, the *Verdict*, which he also edited for some time. Although of late years Mr. Lewis did much newspaper work, mostly for W. R. Hearst, it was as a writer of books, short fiction and magazine articles that he was chiefly known in more recent days.

Mr. Lewis was "of" Broadway to the extent that his relaxation after his daily hours of systematic work took the form of lunching or dining leisurely in some restaurant in the Longacre square neighborhood with companions noted not so much for their literary attainments as for their prominence in the world of sport and politics. There were few any port, ticians, sporting and theatrical men who did not have at least a nodding acquaintance with Al Lewis, whose restaurant companion usually was William B. (Bart)

Masteron, his close friend since early days in the West.

Articles on Harry Thaw.
When Gov. Sulzer in March, 1913, appointed a commission of inquiry to take testimony in the Harry Thaw bribery charges Mr. Lewis was the last to be called to the witness chair. At that hearing he made it clear to the commission that his only interest in Thaw's affairs consisted of being engaged, solely in his capacity of magazine writer, by ex-Lieut. Stone of the Navy, of Thaw's counsel, to write a series of articles aimed to portray Thaw's better qualities.

The last work put forth by Mr. Lewis, a volume issued just before his first illness came on, was a "Wolfville" book called "Faro Nell and Her Friends." His other books were "Wolfville," "Episodes of Cowboy Life," "Sandburgs," "Wolfville Days," "Peggy O'Connell," "The Sun Trail," "Confessions of a Detective," "Story of Paul Jones," "The Throback," "When Men Grow Tall," "An American Patriotic—Aaron Burr" and "Wolfville Folks."

MARK BIRMINGHAM.

A Mining Man Widely Known in
This Country and Mexico.

Mark Birmingham, a mining man of wide experience, died of paralysis yesterday at his home, 130 West Fifty-seventh street.

He was one of four sons of David Birmingham, a Monroe county farmer, who took his family to California in 1842. The father amassed a fortune and later became a banker in San Francisco. The son acquired an interest in a famous California mine, but lost it through litigation. Later he became interested in the California gold and silver mines at Durango, Mexico, which also became involved in litigation. Mr. Birmingham's nephew, Edward F. Birmingham, president of the Fourth Estate, said last night that his uncle won the litigation over the Mexican mine last February, securing a decree worth millions of dollars to him, but because of unsettled conditions in Mexico he had not been able to get the benefit of the decree.

Mr. Birmingham was married twice, first to Miss Charlotte E. Rice, and in 1897, after her death, Miss Julia Rice, daughter of Enosh Bond of Philadelphia. Besides his wife he leaves six children, one of whom, David Walton Birmingham, lives in New York.

John H. Slingerland.
John H. Slingerland, 70, died yesterday at his home, 305 East 194th street. He was born in Slingerland, N. Y., and after graduating from the Albany Military Academy served in the civil war with the 17th New York Volunteers. After the war he became a civil engineer in Albany. He came to New York and was employed in the Department of Water Supply for twenty-five years, retiring five years ago. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Mariam Costikyan.
Mrs. Mariam Costikyan, 63, widow of Dr. Hovsep Costikyan, died on Tuesday at her home, 51 Hamilton place. She was the mother of Lemuel and P. H. Costikyan, rug merchants of New York. She and Dr. Costikyan, who was a physician in New York, had been married for 44 years. He came to this country from Turkey a quarter of a century ago, making their home first in New York.

Mrs. Augusta Foster.
Mrs. Augusta Foster, widow of Robert Foster, who was for many years superintendent of the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, died on Tuesday at her home, 861 Kenmore place. She leaves three daughters.

William J. Burke.
LYONS, Mass., Dec. 23.—William J. Burke, 58 years old, one of the most famous American minstrel leaders, who travelled for years with Lew Dockstead, George West, George Primrose and others, died to-day in the Union Hospital here as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

NEW THAW FIGHT ALREADY UNDER WAY

Kennedy Says Prisoner's Law-
yers Can't Keep Him Out
of Matteawan.

U. S. KEEPS CLOSE GUARD

Leo Helles, partner of Moses H. Grossman, started yesterday for Pittsburgh hearing with him Mr. Grossman's plan in detail for a continuance of the fight to keep Harry K. Thaw from going back to Matteawan. This plan will be laid before ex-Senator Philander C. Knox and ex-Gov. Stokes, senior counsel in the case, for their approval.

Mr. Grossman would not discuss the plan yesterday, except to say that it contemplates primary action in New Hampshire. Whether it also involves a further fight in New York in case they lose there he would not say.

"There is no particular hurry," he said. "We will believe that the days will pass and the other side can do will hasten the time. We will be in readiness when the mandate of the United States Supreme Court is acted upon by Judge Aldrich."

It is no use for the other side to devise ways and means, as Thaw is coming back to New York and ultimately will land at Matteawan," said Deputy Attorney-General Franklin Kennedy yesterday. "The only chance he has is to stay away for him to escape to some foreign country where he cannot be extradited. But he is pretty well watched by United States officers and any move he may try to make will be checked."

"Of course Thaw's attorneys can sue out writs of habeas corpus, but that will mean only a slight delay. It took the United States Supreme Court only ten days to pass upon the writ before it, and that means the facts are undeniable and the law clear. Certainly the New Hampshire courts should have no more trouble. I do not believe Thaw's lawyers will find any encouragement or support there."

"Only one other thing can save him and that would be for the Superintendent of Matteawan to make a return to the court that Thaw is now sane, but that possibility is very remote. The Superintendent also, in my opinion, may make a motion to the Supreme Court, if Thaw is locked in the Tombs, asking that the man be restored to him. It is certain that Thaw will go back in good time to the institution to which Justice Dowling committed him."

TO DECIDE ON 'GRUMPY' PROFITS.

Special Master to Settle Validity of
Assignment.

Judge Hough in the United States District Court appointed Robert L. Redfield special master yesterday to decide what shall be done with the net profits from Cyril Maude's play "Grumpy," one of the Liebler productions, which is now being played in the Plymouth Theatre, Boston.

Last September the Lieblers assigned their contract with Cyril Maude to Frank S. Gannon, Jr., as security for the payment of promissory notes which Gannon held to the extent of \$15,000. A few weeks ago, however, the Liebler Company and Liebler & Co. were petitioned into bankruptcy. The special master must decide whether the assignment of the contract was made while those firms were insolvent. If so the assignment will be held invalid and the proceeds from the play will be turned into the general fund.

If, however, the assignment is upheld Gannon will be able to collect his full \$15,000 of the proceeds of the play, which, according to its producers, is now running over \$20,000. The net profit between \$1,000 and \$5,000. In the meantime the profits will be deposited as a special fund in some trust company.

This method of settling Gannon's claim was agreed upon by his attorneys and the Liebler interests.

ANTI-POLYGAMY TWIST ACTS.

Clergymen at the Play Adopt Reso-
lutions to Send to Congress.

Dr. Walter Laidlaw, secretary of the Federation of Churches, and about 500 New York clergymen, who were present at the performance of "Polygamy" at the Park Theatre yesterday.

After the second act Dr. Laidlaw arose and presented a resolution urging the passage of the Gillette bill to make polygamy a crime under the Federal law. The resolution was adopted by the assembled clergymen. Dr. Laidlaw and several others spoke briefly against polygamous marriages.

ACTORS FUND GETS MEMBERS.

Nine New Life Certificates Issued—
Committee Plans Benefit.

At a meeting of the finance committee of the Actors Fund of America held yesterday afternoon nine more life memberships were received and further plans for the entertainment of the fund for the benefit of the fund were discussed.

The life membership certificates issued yesterday were those of Blon Fernandez, Mary Kane, Sam Porter, Emily Ward, Julius Tamm, Kenneth Hill, Morris West, Mrs. Chaucey Oleott and Mrs. Sylvia Pope.

MME. RAPPOD SINGS IN "AIDA."

Illness of Mme. Destinn Compels
Change in Cast.

Verdi's "Aida" was heard last night at the Metropolitan, with Mme. Marie Rappold in title role and a cast of Mme. Emmy Destinn, who was ill.

The change was not made until late in the afternoon, for Miss Destinn up to that time believed she would be able to appear.

"Manon Lescaut" Next Friday Night.

"Manon Lescaut" will have its first presentation of the season at the Metropolitan Opera House Friday evening of next week with Mmes. Rappold and Duguesne. The opera was last presented at the Metropolitan on December 12, 1913, when it was given by Mmes. Rappold and Duguesne. The opera was last presented at the Metropolitan on December 12, 1913, when it was given by Mmes. Rappold and Duguesne.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

CAIMAN ROUSE, who died on August 29, 1911, left his residuary estate of \$115,675 to his wife, Flora Rouse. On her death it goes to her son, Mortimer, who got \$10,000 outright.

KATHARINE P. D. JACKSON, who died on June 29, 1912, left \$95,441 to two brothers, a sister and a niece.

ELIZABETH W. McPHERSON, who died in Los Angeles, Cal., left \$117,194 to nieces, Mrs. Helen Spence Kennedy, Mrs. 4 West Twenty-eighth street, which he left to his brother, Harry, together with scenarios and manuscripts.

LEONARD G. SPENCER, who was best known as a photographer monologue man, left his residuary estate to his wife, Elizabeth Norris Spencer, and gave her also a percentage of the receipts from his interest in the Spence-Kennedy-Lovejoy 4 West Twenty-eighth street, which he left to his brother, Harry, together with scenarios and manuscripts.

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HACKETT TO GET HIS MILLION.

Surrogate Approves Accounting and
Permits Bank to Pay Share.

Surrogate Fowler approved yesterday the final accounting by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company in the estate of Mr. Minnie Hackett. The bulk of whose estate went to her uncle, James K. Hackett, the actor, through her failure to make a will. The accounting shows that the value of the estate is more than \$1,400,000, and that Hackett's share is more than \$1,100,000.

Under the Surrogate's order the trust company is permitted to turn over Mr. Hackett's share of the estate to him at once.

ROBBINS ESTATE TAX \$20,000.

Fortune Goes to Son, Daughter and
the Widow.

RIVERHEAD, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The tax on the estate of the late Henry Asher Robbins of Manhattan and Southampton was paid yesterday by the executor, James H. Robbins, who is also executor of the estate of his son, James H. Robbins, who died here this morning. The estate amounted to \$1,106,069.70. The net estate was \$1,036,668.84. Harry Pelham Robbins of Southampton, a son, received \$147,000, and Elizabeth Pelham Robbins, his wife, received \$147,000. The balance of \$742,668.84 was divided among the widow and daughter, each received \$371,334.52.

Customs Receipts Yesterday.

The total receipts for duties at the Custom House yesterday were \$373,652, of which \$107,752.14 was for merchandise withdrawn from bonded warehouses and \$265,899.46 for recent importations.

DIED.

BIRMINGHAM.—On December 23, Mark Birmingham, in his eighty-eighth year, died at his home, 130 West Fifty-seventh street, on Saturday, December 26, at 10 A. M.

SAN FRANCISCO papers please copy. Funeral services at chapel of the Church of the Intercession, Broadway and 13th street, Thursday, at 12 o'clock.

POSTER.—On Tuesday, December 22, August C. Foster, wife of the late Robert Foster.

Funeral from her late residence, 481 Kenmore place (East Twenty-first street), Flatbush, Brooklyn, Thursday, December 24, at 2 P. M. Interment at the convenience of the family.

HALLOCK.—On December 23, Elizabeth A. Hallock, at her late residence, 520 Nostrand avenue, Brooklyn.

Newburgh Journal, Orange County, Washington, in record papers please copy. Funeral services at chapel of the Church of the Intercession, Broadway and 13th street, Thursday, at 12 o'clock.

JOHNSTON.—On December 22, 1914, of pneumonia, at Williams College Infirmary, Alexander Hutchinson, son of George R. and Marion Hutchinson Johnston, age 23.

Funeral at Rochester, N. Y. LEWIS.—Alfred Henry, at his home in this city, Wednesday, December 23.

Funeral private. Friends will